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SUBJ: CLOSING OF CONSULAR AGENCY IN CORDOBA

REF: STATE 82127; BA 2692

1. AS CLEARLY STATED IN OUR REFTEL CLOSING OF CONSULAR AGENCY IN CORDOBA BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF EMBASSY SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE AND NOT RPT NOT ON ANY EXPRESSED DESIRE OF CONSULAR AGENT TO RESIGN. ON THE CONTRARY, CONSULAR AGENT WOULD PREFER OFFICE REMAIN OPEN.
2. AT SAME MEETING OF SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE FOLLOWING LAUN KIDNAPPING, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED REMOVAL ALL AMCIT EMPLOYEES IN PROVINCES ATTACHED TO USIS BRANCH PAO OFFICES AND BNC'S, THUS REDUCING OFFICIAL TARGETS AND LOWERING OFFICIAL PROFILE IN AREAS WHERE PROVINCIAL POLICE HAVE ADVISED THEY HAVE LITTLE CAPABILITY FOR PROTECTING OUR OFFICIALS.
3. IN LINE WITH FOREGOING WE BELIEVE IT INCONSISTENT FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT TO CONTINUE MAINTAINING AN OFFICIAL INSTALLATION IN AN AREA AS VOLATILE AS CORDOBA AND THUS OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSING CONSULAR AGENCY.
4. IF WE WERE TO GO ROUTE OF SUGGESTING TO CONSULAR AGENT HE

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RESIGN AND ANNOUNCE RESIGNATION, WE BELIEVE EFFECT WOULD BE THE

SAME WITH SOMEWHAT LESSER IMPACT SINCE AGENCY OFFICES ARE
MAINTAINED IN PRIVATE HOME.

5. WHILE WE PREFER ROUTE OF CLOSING AGENCY AND SO ANNOUNCING
NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED OTHER THAN MENTIONED IN REFTTEL UNTIL
DEPARMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED.

6. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS WITHDRAWN BRITISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
FROM CORDOBA AND HAS DECLARED AREA "OFF LIMITS" FOR
ANY OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE EMBASSY TRAVEL WITHOUT PRIOR
PERMISSION.

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